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January 15, 1903.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D. D.,
202 Walnut Place,
Syracuse, New York.

My dear Dr. Robinson,-

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 13th. I wished I could be with you on Sunday, but my engagements are such that I must return to New York immediately after the meeting on Friday night, February 20th. I am to speak in Trenton the 22nd.

From what I know of Mr. Richardson, though I have never heard him speak, I do not believe you will make any mistake in taking him into your pulpit. My associates here speak very highly of him. I do know that he will give an interesting story of what he has attempted to do in Montana. However, I would not want to overurge you in the matter. Later when you have decided I will hear from either you or Mr. Wouters about the matter.

With kind regards,

John Willis Baer

Yours cordially,

John Willis Baer

March 16. 1903

My dear Mr. Robinson:-

Not having heard from you this week I infer that you are improved in health and are planning to preach at Geddes Church at our Vesper service next Sunday.

The service begins at 5 o'clock You should take a Solvay car leaving it at Erie St and going one block west: cars run to Erie St from the center in twenty minutes.

Sincerely

Arthur H. Bailey

111 Cayuga St

Princeton, N. J., April 15, 1903.

Dear Sir:

The Annual Dinner of the Alumni of the Benham Club will be held on Monday evening, May 4th, at the Princeton Inn. A very full attendance is desired, as a matter of great importance to the future welfare of the Club is to be discussed. At the last Annual Meeting the necessity of taking some action looking toward a permanent organization and home for the Club was keenly felt, and a committee was appointed to investigate the matter thoroughly and report at the next Annual Meeting. The urgency of taking some step in this direction is rendered imperative by the fact that Mrs. Benham, feeling that the responsibilities and duties involved in her present relations with the Club are greater than she can longer bear, has signified her intention of discontinuing these relations with the close of the present Seminary year. In view of this situation the report of the committee appointed last spring, and definite action upon this report, becomes a matter of the utmost importance. It is therefore earnestly desired that every member of the Benham Club shall if possible be present at this Annual Dinner.

Will you kindly inform the Chief, or any member of the sub-committee below, of your intention to be present at the Alumni Dinner, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made. If unable to be present, will you not at least send us some expression of your continued interest in the Club.

Very truly yours,

Warren N. Nevius,
Ralph K. Hickok,
Stuart N. Hutchison, Chief,
417 Hodge Hall.

Wed. a.m. April 1st 1903

My dear Friends:

You have been so good to write to me that I slip right in the midst of housecleaning and sewing carpet to write you. I smiled aloud to think you, dear Parkie, were unable going to "chew your victuals". I could understand that but if those folks have been laughing about your stomach ache, they'll have an awful pain under their

might gone for Graphic. Not certain. We are all going to church to night & I will for sure. Thank you very much for the Appeal and Sunday Sun. Write much love to you all. Affectionately Ella Clinton

aprons, some day. I think they were real mean to laugh, and I can tell you nobody here has been so dreadfully undid. Probably that's the reason Lizzie Robinson is afflicted with a cold. Well, we have a sort of a church meeting to-night to talk up the pastor business and probably Sunday they will decide. Most every body liked Mr Cowan. He gave us two excellent sermons and the service went through without a hitch. Thanks to your coaching.

I hope they will give him a call and thus settle the matter, for you know his past history, and if you think he is all right why that settles it. Prof. Robinson and wife arrived last night at the Rosegrants and they are delighted to get back, as they say. They seem to like Potsdam folks too.

I hope and trust you, dear people will like and love, no more and more the longer we are separated instead of growing apart.

I expect a man to paper my hall and bed room this week so we mean to be slick by the time you ~~come~~ to preach for us. I do hope you can arrange with Mr Skinner to come here the Sunday he preaches for you and of course you are to stay at No. 50 Elm St. Lizzie Post is making room

50 Elm St.
Mch. 23rd 1903.

Dear Friends:-

That last letter you wrote me was a study, and I hope the "alterations" are about completed, because if there should be many more I'm afraid I could not apprehend or comprehend such depths of meaning. Anyhow it took two stamps to get the letter here, and I'm sure you can't afford that extravagance very often, and I want you to write very often. do you hear?

I am glad you are better and I hope by this time you feel fine, finer, finest.

Dr Reynolds enquired all about your illness and many others have enquired since I came home. Such an unusual thing for our Pastor to be sick. Probably it will be seven years before you have another attack. I have discovered that George has no Easter vacation so his visit will have to be postponed until later, so do not save any time for him.

I am very sorry because he would have such a good time with Stewart and learn a lot besides.

Well! we had Mr Walker Sunday and liked him pretty well. He is very pleasant to meet and a nice clean looking fellow. He called here with Joseph after service Sunday evening. I believe after they hear Mr Cowan next Sunday they will decide on some one. Many people like Mr Glover.

We had a very interesting Fortnightly last evening at Mrs George Fullers. They have so much of interest to talk about that we don't close till about ten.

I expect Sister Robinson told her spoons up stairs every night now. We read in the paper about the burglars at 402 Walnut Place. Don't care they would let the minister alone, so don't worry.

Tell Mrs Edgerton that the "third pocket" is for money or cough drops, whichever she may happen to want.

Grace and Josephine are invited over to Mattie Perkins to lunch to-day and over to Mr Perkins to eat new sugar this evening. With much love to each and all.

Affectionately Ella Olivia.

St Patricks Day.

50 Elm St.
Tuesday Evening.

Dearly beloved Robins:-

Well! I arrived safely to the buggum of my family at two fifteen this p.m. and now I am anxious, very anxious to know how the Robins are since I left them yesterday morning. I do hope the big robin is singing a nice little song, (instead of chirping) by this time. His song reminded me more of a dirge than anything else, since last Thursday noon. poor fellow.

However, I am glad I was there because I knew how he was getting along, and since I left I don't know nuffin, and I feel anxious to know. The good little middle sized Robin, has some lower limbs that ache good and hard, by this time I am sure. I tell you she has hopped around lively the last few days and nights too. and I think she will have to come back to the nursing place before the next patient comes along.

Ella Olivia, had a very pleasant time and she feels fine already - nerves are all calm and serene and I am very grateful to your dear friends for letting me visit you. Grace and I have been gabbling ever since I came and now she is reading Lovey Mary to Josephine and I am hearing Georgie's reading lesson, and writing this letter at the same time.

Poor Mr Conkey has closed doors to-day, in other words, failed, for the third time. Sure sure he and his wife must be discouraged completely. and I don't see what he can do, unless you take him to run your Sunday School or sing in your choir. Will let you have him and Mrs C. can play in prayer meeting. Brother Robinson, I do hope and trust you are ever so much better.

Good night and sweet repose.
How do you get along without my nose!

Affectionately, Ella Olivia Brush Bonney.

Wednesday a.m.

Dear Friends of the Manse:-

We all fell in a dead faint this morning when the postman arrived - I am the only one recovered enough to pen a few words! We are all delighted beyond measure to think that three people from 202 are really coming to Sweet Potsdam this

very much. Hurrah!!

We expect Stewart to eat and sleep at No. 50. Elm St unless he seriously objects.

We will meet him Friday night at the 6.37 train and send you a telegram on the way home from the station.

Dear darlin. with much love. Ella Olivia Bonny.

50 Elm St. Feb. 6th
Friday Eve.

Dear Mr Robinson.

Your visit did me lots of good. It made me feel as though I had not lost you after all.

I do miss you and Sister Rob so very much, and feel so lonely without you; but it is so comforting to have you come back and be just exactly the same. not one bit stuck up nor nothing but just your own dear self.

It's a mystery to me that you can
do much for the "Bush girls". It's not
because of their brains - that's certain -
and not because of my good looks
or good clothes. So what under the
sun is it? I think it's missionary work
on your part.
You did not mention Mr McArthur in
your letter. I hope he made some
progress. ~~towards~~ The excitement seems to
have died down, and the gossips, for once
are baffled. Waldo Smith said he never
saw this town so stirred up over anything.
Every time he had occasion to go to the
telephone, he heard them talking it
over. Mrs Holmes has rallied from this
last pull down, so she is comfortable
again. I received a letter from Prof. Rob-
this morning, and now what do you suppose
he has done. Went down cellar to chop some
wood - fell down somehow and broke one of
his fingers and put his wrist out of joint -
so he has it in a plaster cast for a month.
It happened to be his left hand. Wasn't that
a performance?
Well, Mary and I have had some complaints
of sore throat since we heard from Sister
Robinson that she had one. We don't
propose to be left out of the procession.
So glad to hear from you people always.
Have not heard whether "Plain" is coming or not.
I am only glad your Robinsons are coming somehow

Lovingly

Dear Mr Robinson.

And so you are really coming next Monday. That is fine - we will be delighted to see you and I want you to come here no. 50 Elm St. Do you hear?

Thank you so much for the sermon - I think it is excellent and I hope I shall profit by it.

Here are 2 things we are to have for our "Royal Essayists" "Matilda of Scotland" Now come back C. - come with us 2 to 5 Tuesday. no chicken or pork and beans that. Thursday a.m. Hurry up and come home 9 R.K. Jr.

Dad the court [illegible] a court suit [illegible] the queen of [illegible] only. She could [illegible] suit you!!

Mr Sisson announced after prayer meeting last night as we were standing by the door that you were coming "next Monday on important business" so they began to wonder who was to be married! I thought something was wrong as she, Mrs McC has been in school lately. What under the sun is the matter with them?

I was delighted to hear from Sister Robinson this morning. You have had such a lonely, forlorn time. I remember how I used to watch the clock when George was so sick, and I longed to have the time pass, and then again I dreaded to have the hours go by for fear they would bring something worse. I don't wonder my hair is gray when I think about it. You will be through with it soon now, all fumigated and disinfected and I don't know what all. Then Hurrah! Poor Marion Sisson fainted away in school yesterday. She is better and hopes to attend this afternoon. I tell you I dread it inwardly.

We will be so very glad to see your pretty blond Pastine and so will all the other folks but they can't be as glad as we are — It makes me smile to think of your married folks.

Love to all & a big hug for Stewart. Affectionately

Dear Mr Robinson.

It's a long time since I have heard from you - so I have concluded perhaps I'd better write my own self and see what effect that would have!

The wedding last week, was laughable. I wonder if they will be as happy as Mrs Putnam? We saw the notice in the Past Standard and it read all right. Your description rather took off the glow.

Well, the church meeting came along yesterday and as near as I can make

but they have raised $2300. and the expenses for next year will be $2600. with salary $1500. Still, no effort was made to balance and Rosa informed me that they were only $80. behind. It's all very mysterious in my mind. Fred and Lam sails calmly on I suppose. It makes me so weary. The Bonnys have moved up the aisle about five seats, and Banister with his hair standing straight up, sits right in front of us. Arthur says he <u>won't sit</u> there so there not because Banister is there; but we hear the preacher I suppose. Well! the Perts have gone over on the north aisle behind Mrs Ransom and Mrs Lester!!

Seems to me we are terribly shaken up.

I wanted to go forward but — I expect Miss Whitney will be unhappy when she finds it out, because she wanted to sit back of us. Grace and I are on the tea this week Friday night and have made up our minds to give up the week to <u>it</u> and George's graduation. I have done most of the running so far "because we have a horse". See Sister Robinson I wish she were here to ~~told~~ be hitching post as of yore. Oh, my bag! my <u>beautiful bag</u> is such a joy and delight to my heart. I carry in it my handkerchief, money list, glasses and pencil. Now what could do without it? It was so sweet of the dear Robinsons to give it to me!

My sheet of paper gets full
in no time when I start
to write you people -

Here are 2 things we are to have for our "Royal Society" "Institute of School" new name Park Cl — come up 2 to 2 Ref. no chicken or pork and beans about that. Thursday a.m. Hurry up and come to 9 R.C. Girls

Dear Mr Robinson.

And so you are really coming next Monday. That is fine - we will be delighted to see you and I want you to come here no. 50 Elm St. Do you hear?

Thank you so much for the sermon - I think it is excellent and I hope I shall profit by it.

Then we left the 9 [illegible] only

Dear Mr Robinson — I do not know what can have [illegible] a mistake — [illegible] you!!

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Love to all & a big hug for Stewart. Affectionately

I have something
to tell you about
the minutes
think they have
given of and
are going to
wait for yes

Dear Mr Robinson

For the impression
I make is
on and and
those says of
most-not it
Auntie would
say as his
is my 1 most
intimately
for 15 yr
and we
affectionately
yours TB

Well! your
last little fairy book my treat
away What can have happened
to you and Sister Robinson
I'm afraid you will be "partakers
of glory" inside of a month if
this keeps on. You will run
clay here $79\frac{3}{4}$ years in this
beatific state, and I don't want
you to richer, because I expect
to reach heaven inside of 20
years and I could never stand it

59 1/4 years without you, so please come down from the clouds and be your own dear selves - So glad Sister Robinson has gotten down stairs by the shady fire. I can imagine you have had some good talks since. A trial like this does bring us to our senses doesn't it? When you complete your sermon on children please either bring or send it to me for careful perusal, for nobody needs advice any more than your humble servant. Mrs Cruikshank has returned in town - she is visiting Mrs Sutherland now not from her yet. How can she seemingly wish to visit Palestine and not have her happy companion too? Frank Simson said something about her going Sunday to the mission band "Oh my! she had'nt heard or thought of missions since she left this town." Must be such things are out of fashion - Dear me! I suppose you will never criticise people any more now that you have moved! It makes me feel lonesome - Sister Pearl is dressmaking - I can hear the sewing machine going now. A dress is being manufactured for "Josephine". This same young lady is out bobbing. Dr McKay will not allow her to go to school this week. I wish you were here to see Leland Powers this evening in

Dear Cousin Jennie. I have to wait for you to take him off

Your folks are so strong with your Park Central paper — Normal and Park C — I guess I'd better not swear on your paper — it is so fine and I'm glad you have it!

Dear Sister Robinson — 16th 1903.

Such a nice letter from your beloved husband came this morning telling us you should not sailing and had bought everything looked at you but not Plans —

So say I am glad for your dear Sister family expressions what is in my heart, for I feel like "throwing her up"!

Josephine is well and happy having a regular picnic, catching on bobs or "Jobbing" as they call it

She goes it all alone and he shuts me red as roses when she comes in -
Lieut Stewart Dunyan is learning his p[illegible]
It comes to a peak when he graduates in Feb. He was twelve years old yesterday.
The tea last evening at the church was very pleasant - They invited Mr & Mrs Cann because they had no one to "Return thanks" at the beginning - Mrs C. said she was sorry Mr had no pastor: but she was delighted to be invited - Don't you think we are in a sad state? Well! we try and keep cheerful over it and naty Mr Cann is so nice to us and is willing to help us in any way.
He preaches much better sermons than he did.
Well, dear Sister I thought this little note must not all be about your trouble because it was mostly we now; but you don't (know) how much I have thought about you, up stairs are this past week and dear Mr & Bunn down stairs walking up and down the rooms.
Things come upon us so suddenly sometimes but I expect they have their mission else they wouldn't be sent. Don't feel that people will be afraid of you or your house, because after you are disinfected up stairs nobody will be afraid of taking it. Don't take the skin off your poor little hands disinfecting them I imagine they are red as beets this minute!!
You will come up here before long and will have

Some dandy sleigh rides and frolics wait Mr. and you will forget that you have had any illness in the family.

Hannah goes tomorrow and I am to have Julia, wish to Lizzie.

Lizzie is not working yet.

I am so glad you have such a good girl and good nurse.

Take it all as easy as you can and let some other lot and wait.

This is the advice of old Lady Bunny and it is free.

Lady Fowlers is on a rampage.

Has written Mr Cooley one of her awful letters about his running the whole church and she is going to leave the church and

have nothing more to do with
it. The only reason she has kept
so long is because she thought
so much of the Robinsons!!
I think she is crazy and I hope
no attention will be paid to her.
I'm sorry for Mr Lowles and Helen.
Give my love to Mrs Lagerson.
Where is the old Nick this time?
It seems about a month since
Israel was taken sick and
it really did a month until to-night.
We don't expect you to write us
of course. Mr Robinson has been
so kind to keep us informed.
The Bennings ~~were so~~ affected
the blessings. What a week they have
had. [illegible] to see. Tonge and [illegible] lots of
love to Israel. Always affectionately
Sister Bessie.

big, strong
Man and
faith of her
noble husband
May, what
could
do without
your
Father and mother
never forget
how you
braced me up
when
Dear Willie
was ill
& below
of mine you
proved that
paid him
God bless
Ella 1903.

Tuesday a.m.
Jan 13th 1903.

Dear Friends -

Your letter has just been read and it brought tears to our eyes - tears of thankfulness and our hearts are filled with gratitude to the dear Father for sparing Stuart's life.

My thoughts have been constantly with you since we heard yesterday how ill Stuart was.

We did not hear it Sunday It came so suddenly and we thought it must be mild - but yesterday when Josephine was sent home -

from school and then soon after your letter to Frank Simon came, we began to realize the seriousness of it.

We long to be able to help your dear friends, it seems as though we must do something to help and cheer you. But it seems to me there is just the right side to look at now, with the crisis past and such a good Doctor who will tell you just what to do and above all the precious boy spared to you. My heart is overflowing with gratitude and I feel like shouting for joy. We felt sure last night that he was better else we would have rec'd a telegram. It takes so long to get a letter and especially just now when the mails are blocked.

Mr & Mrs C. E. Bonney are in trouble. Word came yesterday afternoon that Ed Bonney was very ill, to prepare for the worst. Jon left on the 3.40 p.m. and last evening another message came, saying he "died suddenly. tell parents tenderly, body will arrive Wed. morning." If it was only pneumonia or heart trouble we will be so thankful. Mr & Mrs B. are so old and feeble to bear this; but they are very calm. Tell Sister Robinson to just lean on the

Mary & I just felt like
sending a telegram this
morning - for she
is singing around here.
George was wild last
night - I never saw
him so frightened - but
his father said somehow
that you couldn't have
it if tonsils were removed
so we felt better. He
was sure he could not
possibly eat - He is
to speak and is just
learning his piece -
He prayed for Almond
last night & so did we all.

Jan 11 1903.

Sunday Eve.
9 o'clock

Dear Friends:-

I must write you just a line to night before going to bed and tell you that my thoughts have been with you ever since you received the message this noon.

Things happen to us pretty suddenly sometimes don't they? I do not feel worried but what Shuart will get along all right with Dr McMaster and anesthesia and good care; but I am so sorry for you both to have

sickness in your home just as you are becoming acquainted and things are so new for you. But he may be sick only a short time and Stewart is so strong and healthy he will probably throw it off easily.

I tell you I know something about having a sick boy, and our little worries sink into nothing when sickness enters our homes.

We are so disappointed that we cannot see you to morrow Mr Robinson.

I had planned to have you here and thought you would stay till Wednesday and sleep in Jorge's bed - Well! that will come later and before long I hope.

We had a Mr Harvey from Montreal preach to day. The people seemed to like him pretty well. He sorried for you. I shall never like to listen to anybody but our dear Pastor. This man thinks he has beautiful hands and they are positively lovely besides your hands. He kept them clasped together in front of him all the time. I am very wicked and sinful I know, and I expect you are both disgusted with me. Don't get blue or discouraged because Stewart is sick for he will soon be better.

Very lovingly Ella O Bonney.

Friday Eve.
5 o'clock

Dear Aunt Robinson, to love me enough to send me such a lovely skirt and silver bag - It is such a beauty and I am more than delighted - I am prouder than a peacock, with it. I immediately put on my black satin skirt and my bag and am flourishing around in it. Thank you very very much dear friends - I doubtful what I am worthy of such elegance - Mrs Sessom (Rufus) has supported one for some

time and I have looked at him with
serious eyes, so you see you have
saved me that sin in the future.
Grace and Jos think mind a warm-
even not welcome. We are glad to
have them come again for it has been
lonely without them. I expect they will
be homesick for you after having had such
a delightful visit. But we expect you
will come to Potsdam before long
and, if F.R.K. will let us, we will
have a good time.
Oh! but my bag is pretty. I just fancied
down at it fondly. I am so tickled
that you, Sister Robinson have one
like it. It will make me think of
you every time I wear it, and please
don't think, that that will be the only
time I shall think of you.
Grace says you have awful good
things to eat. What will I ever do
with her? Please send on your bill
of fare for me. You surprised me
with such a nice letter two days ago
because I supposed I'd have to answer
first. Those kind of surprises are
delightful I can tell you.
Grace will write about the minuet business and see pay good long letter. My love to Sister O.B.

said he felt bound to return in to Jesus to an his family. He felt unable to leave the Mission children behind. I should think it would be heart-breaking. I do not think it would be wise for Jessie to leave.

Sat. Mar. 25th

So Chin Li.

Monday a.m.

Dear Mr Robinson—

Your nice letter came this morning to cheer my drooping spirits for since Saturday (Sunday) I have not quite recovered from the awful malaysian that was as shepherdless. It makes one feel so forlorn to think we are obliged to have Mr Cann preach for us or some other old way - and this week of prayer - instead of having the service in our church we

are to trot around to college prayer meetings - nobody knows when.
I think the scarcity of fuel will make the situation more forlorn.
The missionary meeting this afternoon is to be held at Frank Simons to save heating the chapel. The committee have not decided yet whether we have a tea next week or not.
Joseph received a letter from Mr Lombardy at Florensville, Saturday and he said they might consider him - though he was very happy there. He would come up here or they could hear him in his own pulpit. Do you know the man? The idea that you are vamping from our memory! Not much and never will. I feel forlorner and forlorner, worse and worse it grows, and Frank Knowles continues to give me shining smiles as I pass by!! Well! I think I feel better now that I have grumbled and groaned to you. Charlie and Mother Brush came out Saturday all went to hear Dr Clark lecture last evening and see the stereopticon pictures of Africa. They raised $25.00 for a new camera for him after the service.
We have a farewell reception at Mr Mann's Tuesday for the Clarks. He spoke very feelingly about the kindness of Poland people and

I am glad you have your tabs ready for the next cold snap. I intend to say more about these organs. The music-hour during Christmas

So kind of you to send them. We could both like to see nice things —

50 Elm St.
Friday p.m.

My dear Mr Robinson.

"me and dear Lizzie Robinson were so kind to write me both at the same time for you knew how lonely and forlorn I would be after the 11.40 train left that day. Only one more instance of your loving kindness. Well, Christmas has come, and gone and Old Santa left us with two stands and a table, full of lovely things - and among them a small little

book from the Robinsons for which I am very thankful. I shall enjoy reading it very much.
This noon George rushed in with a box from Stewart with three B handkerchiefs. Just exactly what the boy most needs. Thank you very much.
I had a most gorgeous vase (Austrian ware) from ~~the~~ 48 Elm St. Soon after it arrived Mrs called for George at the telephone, and I took occasion to mention the vase. She remarked, "Well, you can give your thanks to the other members of the family". I said I should be

pleased to do so - I am glad she had nothing to do with it, when she tells me so. Walter Whalen came yesterday to spend his vacation. I went in to see the presents this morning and Rosa was quite overcome with Mrs R's gift to her. I am anxious to hear about your trip and all you had and did there -
Is Gracie Perl behaving herself properly among all those big folks? I know Josephine will be very dignified and proper with all those fine clothes.
Joe, Helene and Louise came up and played ping pong last

Evening, and we had quite a jolly time. Miss Cary went home Wednesday after dinner and did not appear again till this morning, so this old lady had the work to do.
I had Auntie Wood over to dinner and plum till Pram, she (Auntie Wood) displayed her usual pleasure and delight ~~with~~ over her Christmas gifts!
Our Christmas tree was a success as far as I know - The children seemed delighted with everything.
I received the Christmas programs you sent and delivered the two

They are fine but it made me feel sad to see your name as pastor. I do not yet realize that you are not our pastor. I don't expect we will ever have one again.

Mr Stule goes Monday I believe. He called here this a.m. to get Mr Bonney to write with the church next Sunday, with what success I know not.

Tell Sister Robinson I will write her next time. I know she feels good when I am indebted to her. Wishing you all a very happy New Year with much love

Sincerely Yours Ella Bonney

Potsdam. N.Y.
Apr. 7th 03.

My dear Mr. Robinson

I haven't time to write much, but want to thank you for your telegram, and also say that we extend a unanimous call to Rev. F.B. Cowan — There were only 8 votes for Walker and none for other candidates — and as I say the same was made

maximum — I hope
Mr. Conan will
accept for if he does
not we shall find
ourselves upset again.

Kindest regards to
you & yours

Joseph P. Burney

Potsdam. N.Y. Apr 6-03.

My dear Mr. Robinson, We had an informal meeting last Wednesday Evening, and a strawvote taken gave Mr. Curran about 3 to 1 covering all candidates.

This looks very favorable to him - It was made unanimous - in an informal way - We had Mr. Townsend over yesterday, and called a meeting for Tuesday Eve. to take a formal vote -

While we have favorable

reports from your
father and yourself
concerning Mr. Carman,
we really know nothing
of his wife — Do you?
If you do, will you
please write me upon
receipt of this, so that
I may get it by Tuesday
Evening train — Some
one might ask me, and
I could not say — Mr.
Townsend did very well
for us yesterday — it

had a student from
auburn up for his
service — We paid the
bills of course —
Mr. T. is coming over
to-morrow Eve. to
preside at the special
meeting — Rufus, and
his wife expect to
leave here to-morrow
for Washington. D.C.
am sorry they have

to be away. Just the
Excursion goes to Warren
and they have had
it planned for some
time — Was pleased
to receive the Pastor Ch.
aux — I see you don't
have all prompt ones
there — All are
comfortably well here.
Good bye, with kind
regards to all —

Mrs Joseph P. Barney

Potsdam N.Y. - Apr. 3 - 1903

My Dear Mr. Robinson -

Your very kindly letter came duly to hand a few days ago & was very welcome - many thanks that you remembered us as you did & that when you were so busy (as you must have been) - The experience through which we have passed I can never be told to any one & so that it will be realized in any full measure -

It all seems like a terrible dream - God grant that we may be made submissive & humble looking away from ourselves to Jesus for help for vain is any other -

Much love from my wife & self to you & to all -

O. E. Bonney -

P.S. I have read yr Ch Paper in which you speak of Church matters & faithfully portray yr belief & opinions on Sevral Matters - I dont see how you could reach people in any way so completely as you do in that - I would be very loth to surrender on the question of continuance - no "charge" for opinion -

Lovingly

O E B

I shall always be glad to hear from you when you can find time & am willing to favor me -

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P.S. Mrs. R- was very faithful in her endeavor to make us realize that she remembers us- + we thank her for it-

Potsdam, N. Y. March 7th 1903

Dear Mr Robinson:-

I am writing to you because I feel that I want very much to do so= Of course human sympathy is not like that which comes to us from the Elder Brother whose love + affection is infinite, but it is something we crave + sometimes feel we must have-

I wish to tell you that your expression of loving friendship + kindly feeling for us in our deep trouble + almost incurable affliction have been very sweet + soothing to our stricken hearts- Lovingly Yrs

O E B-

Potsdam Ny
Jany 28th 1903

My Dear Brother -

Yours for Mrs. Bonney & myself came in due course of Mail & was very welcome -

I wish you could know how much we feel the friendly words you speak to us out of your warm & loving heart

Mrs. Bonney is as calm as could be expected & controls herself wonderfully - But her first born is gone & will never come back to her -

Won't you pray for us that we may be reconciled to this sad event which is

so hard for us to bear & ask for us that we meet it as those should who know that God knows best & that He doeth all things well—

We are very glad that your boy is so nearly well & that yr home has not been darkened by the passing of yr boy so dearly loved—

Much love to you all

Affectionately Yrs

O. E. Bonney

P.S. When you can write constantly please do so & so help to comfort—

July 15 1903
Potsdam NY

Rev. W. C. Robinson –

My Dear Brother – Your telegram & letter of Yesterday were received promptly – Your sympathy & kindness expressed therein is very comforting & helpful –

The blow which has fallen upon us is a fearful one & hard to bear, but God knows what is best for us – We pray that He will help us in our great need –

Many thanks to Mrs Robinson & yourself for your kindly words –

Our

Josiphine Helene and Fore will write soon

Lovingly Yrs

O. E. Bonny

Dear Mr & Mrs [illegible]

[illegible] it not a shame that you are obliged to remain soon these terrible days. But it is really too bad that Stewart has to be ill.

We all feel very sorry for him & for you also. But you will see how glad we are to have you back with us again.

For we really shall miss you, and especially in Prayer-meeting. We trust to hear from time to time that the sick one is not "having it hard" but that he is steadily improving.

With kindest wishes, I am

Yours Sincerely

Margaret Brown.

613 Park Building.

January thirteen.

Syracuse Post Office.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER.

SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA CO., N. Y., February 18, 1903.
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Rev. W. C. Robinson,

Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I accept the statement you make in relation to the use of the line "Entered at Syracuse etc." Such applications should always be made at the office where entry is desired, any other manner of action being regarded as irregular. The line in question was misleading in that Postal Clerks on discovering it would be justified in passing the matter at the pound rate, since their dependence is upon such declarations and the purpose of such statement is to officially clear the matter under pound rates. The Department has become very particular in the admission ~~of~~ to this class, having recently ruled out some which seemed to be very meritorious, in contrast with it's action of former years.

Respectfully,

Dwight N. Bruce

Postmaster.

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Dated Potsdam,N.Y.,Jany.,13

To McRobinson,

202 Walnut Place,

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~~Happy over good report~~!Loving thoughts with you. Josephine well.

The Brush Girls.

FORM 15.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY.

This Company transmits and delivers the within message subject to the following

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one half the regular rate is charged in addition. It is agreed between the sender of the message written on the face hereof and the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED message, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any REPEATED message beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially insured, nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages. And this Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward any message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

Correctness in the transmission of messages to any point on the lines of the Company can be INSURED by contract in writing, stating agreed amount of risk, and payment of premium thereon at the following rates, in addition to the usual charge for repeated messages, viz: one per cent. for any distance not exceeding 1,000 miles, and two per cent. for any greater distance.

No responsibility regarding messages attaches to this Company until the same are presented and accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of this Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

Messages will be delivered free within the established free delivery limits of the terminal office. For delivery at a greater distance a special charge will be made to cover the cost of such delivery.

This Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

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